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Applicant : Kevin S. Stein et al Filed : October 31, 2001

Title : Soft Contact Roll For A

Single Facer

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Examiner : Todd J. Kilkenny

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DECLARATION OF PRIOR INVENTION PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §1.131

Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Arlington, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

I, Dennis L. Lemke, declare as follows:

- 1. I am a Senior Engineer employed by Marquip LLC, the assignee of the subject application.
 - 2. I am a co-inventor of the subject matter claimed in this application.
- 3. I and my co-inventor Kevin S. Stein conceived our invention prior to October 9, 2001, the effective prior art date of U.S. Patent 6,602,375 (Marschke).
- 4. Specifically, attached Marquip drawing entitled "SOFT CONTACT ROLL MOVEMENT" was prepared by co-inventor Kevin Stein prior to October 9, 2001 and shows the positioning of our soft contact roll and corresponds to drawing figures 3 and 4 of our above identified application.
- 5. In addition, attached Marquip drawing entitled "ROLL INSTL, SF SOFT CONTACT" and numbered 9559095 was prepared by a Marquip draftsman under the supervision of Kevin Stein prior to October 9, 2001 and shows details of the construction of the soft contact roll assembly of our invention.

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- The drawings identified in paragraphs 4 and 5 disclose all the 6. elements, their arrangement and operation, as recited in the claims of our above identified patent application.
- 7. I and my co-inventor, Kevin Stein, worked diligently from a time prior to October 9, 2001 until we actually reduced our invention to practice with an operable prototype.
- The dates on which each of the above identified drawings was drawn 8. and checked have been hidden, but both dates for each of the drawings are prior to October 9, 2001.
- I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge 9. are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Dated this /O day of February

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